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Applicant: Szczech et al.

Application No.: 10/805,865

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Title: PORTABLE PEDAL EXTENSION, STEP, FOOTREST, AND BRIEFCASE FOR
SMALL PIANISTS

Examiner: Jeffrey Donels

Art Unit: 2837

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated 12/06/2005, please amend the above mentioned application as follows:

In the claims please make the following changes:

Kindly amend claim 2:

2. The pedal extension of claim 1 [further comprising] wherein:
[means for carrying] the box [as] is a portable briefcase.

Kindly amend claim 3:

3. The pedal extension of claim 2 further wherein:
[said means for carrying] the box includes a handle, or a shoulder strap, or back straps.

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to remove the means-plus-function language thus responding to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

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